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RATHER LUKEWARM

Was the Meeting to Form Christian Citizenship League,

AN ORGANIZATION EFFECTED

Only Partly Last Night, at the Meeting Held at the Y. M. C. A.—Brief Addresses by Clergymen and Laymen Setting Forth the League's Objects—Plans of Operation Not Unanimous—Efforts will be Made to Increase Membership.

The meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. last night to form a Christian Citizenship League did not impress one with being an enthusiastic gathering. The attendance was confined to a score of ministers and laymen, and there was an apparent hesitancy to dip down and take hold of the theories advocated. This hesitancy on the part of many who took the initial steps in the formation of the league at the Ministerial Association's meeting several days ago, cast a damper on the spirits of those who learned of the league's objects last night for the first time, but happily for its prospects, energy and enthusiasm were more evident towards the meeting's close.

At the temporary organization last week, Rev. J. H. Littell was made president, and Rev. W. H. Anderson, recording secretary. The first business transacted last night was to make these elections permanent for the ensuing year. From the limited enrollment, the following vice presidents were elected: Rev. Samuel Schwarm, Mr. W. A. Sonderman and Mr. W. B. Hicks. The election of treasurer was deferred until another meeting. Among others present were: Rev. Dr. Sooy, Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. R. R. Bigger, Rev. C. B. Graham, Rev. B. B. Evans, Prof. F. H. Crago, Dr. J. H. McCoy, Dr. William Petrie, Rev. A. B. Lowes, Rev. Martin Buck, J. C. Lynch, T. D. Prosser, Robert L. Cowan, R. L. Seabright.

The movement was not familiar to the major portion of those present, and the secretary read the constitution, after which new members were taken in. Then Rev. Mr. Littell arose and stated that on account of ill health he felt he couldn't give his office proper attention, and stating that as it had been forced on him, he permitted to resign. This statement chilled what previously had been an aimless drift of desultory talk, and after little discussion no action was taken on President Littell's resignation. A full followed, and invitations to new members brought requests for more light on what the league intended to do. Dr. Moore briefly stated that he was in favor of the organization, but wanted more developments. Mr. Prosser echoed these sentiments.

Dr. Schwarm then threw some life in the meeting by explaining the league's object of intending to promote Christian citizenship. It would educate citizens to their responsibilities. To arouse interest, Dr. Schwarm advocated the bringing of good speakers to Wheeling.

Rev. Mr. Evans wanted the speakers and workers to be those of the community. He was followed by Prof. Crago in a stirring speech.

Rev. Mr. Bigger said he wasn't discouraged because the meeting was rather quiet. Work was needed, not eloquence. The league was calculated to arouse sentiment in citizens, not as politicians but as patriots, and people who love principle.

A livelier iris beamed forth when Dr. McCoy responded to the invitation to speak. The doctor said reform movements should come from either of the two political parties; that a movement otherwise must fail as did the Prohibition party.

Rev. Mr. Evans—How about getting the balance of power?

Dr. McCoy—You'll never get it. Continuing, the doctor remarked that the Prohibition party had become a bar-nacle.

Dr. Sooy—That was a Republican said that.

Dr. McCoy—Yes, sir, Thomas B. Reed said it.

"But," asked Prof. Crago, "wouldn't it be different in city affairs?"

"It would be just the same," was the reply.

Dr. Sooy and Rev. Mr. Bigger followed, setting forth clearly that the league intended getting both parties to put up their best men; to have Christians work at the primaries as well as the corrupt. Other speakers spoke in a similar vein until after 10 o'clock, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the executive committee, after having, to quote from some of the members, made but little progress. The executive committee will seek to interest the various young people's and other church organizations, but the Good Citizenship League gives promise of calling by the wayside unless an impetus now unforeseen, is given it.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

Grand this evening—Joshua Simpkins. Opera House to-night—Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll.

Officer "Ike" Shields yesterday afternoon gathered in a young man, who was selling "fake" jewelry in the Eighth ward.

Elsie Gray, an old offender, yesterday used abusive language to Officer McCausland, and he will face the mayor this morning.

The thank offering at the United Presbyterian church has been postponed on account of the flood until this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Charles Schwannberger, was arrested on a lunacy warrant sworn out in Squire Rogers' court yesterday afternoon, and was locked up pending an examination.

Ulrich S. Bowman, aged twenty years, son of Mrs. Mary Bowman, of Seventeenth street, East End, died yesterday. The funeral occurs Wednesday morning, with interment at Peninsular cemetery.

A series of special meetings opened at the English Lutheran church last night, in charge of Rev. S. S. Kauffman, of Canal Dover, O., who delivered a splendid sermon. The public is invited to these meetings.

Last night at the B. & O. depot, Special Officer Hatfield arrested a man, who gave his name as "Jim" Watson, for disorderly conduct. When searched, a razor and other suspicious articles were found on Watson's person.

Yesterday in the criminal court, Patrick Carroll did not appear on the charge of defacing the monument at Elm Grove, having been released on his recognizance. He was captured by deputy sheriffs and tried, found guilty and sentenced to serve thirty days in jail and pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

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THE NARROW ESCAPE

From Drowning of John Eichenberg in the Creek.

Some excitement was created on the creek between both bridges yesterday afternoon, and a drowning accident was a probability. John Eichenberg fell into the water near Baer's building, and his struggles were first noticed by Mr. J. C. Lynch, who was passing over the Market street bridge. He and Mr. Robert Cornish hurried to the drowning man's rescue and tossed out a rope. Eichenberg failed to catch the rope, but in the meantime a handy skiff appeared, and he was lifted out of the water.

Eichenberg had been dumping some refuse into the creek, and the barrow caused him to lose his balance, precipitating him into the water. He had a narrow escape from death, and his plight attracted a large crowd to the scene.

DIED.

FRANK—On Sunday, March 27, 1898, at 11:20 o'clock a. m., CHARLES M. FRANK, aged 70 years, 3 months and 5 days.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 938 McCulloch street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsular cemetery.

KRAFT—On Saturday, March 26, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., LOUIS KRAFT, aged 61 years, 9 months and 10 days.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 2230 Eoff street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private at Mt. Zion cemetery.

BOWMAN—On Monday, March 28, 1898, at 8:45 o'clock a. m., ULRICH S., son of Mrs. Mary and the late Edward Bowman, aged 20 years.

Funeral from the residence of his mother, No. 120 Seventeenth street, on Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m. Friends of the family invited to attend. Interment at Peninsular cemetery.

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